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9 December 1960

Honorable Barbara Bates Gunderson
Commissioner
U. S. Civil Service Commission
8th and F Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Gunderson:

I wish to commend you and the Board of Trustees for establishing the first annual award honoring distinguished women in the Federal Service.

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We welcome the opportunity of giving wider attention to the achievements of two of the many outstanding career women in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Nomination of [redacted] for
the First Annual Federal Woman's Award

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1. This memorandum transmits a letter for the signature of the Director of Central Intelligence nominating [redacted] and [redacted] for the Federal Woman's Award.

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2. A group of outstanding community leaders and high-level Federal officials formed a Board of Trustees to establish an award honoring distinguished women in the Federal service. Mrs. Barbara Gunderson, U.S. Civil Service Commissioner is Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Robert Hartley of the Brookings Institution is vice chairman. The names of other Trustees are listed in the attached announcement which invites nominations by heads of Government agencies.

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3. The Deputy Directors were notified of the opportunity of nominating candidates for the Federal Woman's Awards. [redacted]

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[redacted] was nominated by the Deputy Director

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[redacted] was nominated by the Deputy Director (Intelligence). The Career Council reviewed these nominations at its meeting on 14 November 1960 and unanimously decided to recommend the nominations of [redacted] and [redacted] as Agency candidates for the First Annual Federal Woman's Awards.

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4. The Board of Trustees of the Federal Woman's Award plans to present these awards at a ceremony in February 1961. Nominations, however, must be submitted to Mrs. Barbara Gunderson by 9 December 1960.

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EMMETT D. ECHOIS
Chairman, CIA Career Council

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CONCUR:

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Director of Security

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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10 JUN 1960

Mrs. Barbara Gunderson
Commissioner
Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Gunderson:

Thank you very much indeed for your charming letter and for your very thoughtful suggestion. I am most gratified that you and your associates had a profitable visit, and it was a real pleasure for us to "have you aboard."

Now, as to the name of the installation which you visited, I must agree with you that the present one does have certain dour connotations, if not of Siberia then perhaps of dungeons. Your suggestion, "GAUNTLET," is at once appealing and appropriate, but I must tell you that it is already in use and refers to another activity which you would find even more intriguing.

I must confess as well that the present name has "run the gauntlet" of several studied efforts to change it, but it has endured for nearly eleven years despite the grim mental images it conjures up!

In any event, your suggestion has not been in vain, for we shall keep trying. Meanwhile, may I close by reiterating the pleasure and satisfaction expressed to me by the staff of that installation for the opportunity to discuss their activities and experiences with such an attentive, interested, intelligent audience.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White

Deputy Director (Support)

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

May 27, 1960

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L Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It was a great pleasure to visit you and your associates on Tuesday. I enjoyed luncheon so much and the provocative talk that followed. I know that Chairman Jones, Mr. Eugene Lyons and Mr. Johnson share my reaction to our field trip. It was a revelation, an education and a patriotic experience. Nothing could have made us so receptive and appreciative of President Eisenhower's broadcast of Wednesday evening as the experience of learning we all had with your staff. I thank you sincerely. What a genius for timing you people have, too.

Now to an important matter. I am referring, of course, to my self-assignment of a suitable name to replace the flat negation implied in the word now being used for the scene of our visit. At first I was drawn to the plane's appellation - Willie. I played with "WILLY NILLY" but discarded it at once. Too flip-pant, too juvenile and, of course, non-churchillian in concept.

Later, I learned "WHISKEY" is also a cognomen for the plane and I was rather taken with using the term "SHOT GLASS." This seemed a designation with zip as well as implications of action and reflection. If it were not for the pedestrian "and I should like "PERRY AND THRUST." But not very much.

My final nomination and the one I am quite serious about is one word which has the proper style and is consonant in my mind with the overtones of intrigue with which your work will always be associated even if you and your hard-working staff are weary of it.

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I propose "GAUNTLET." Sir Winston would, I am sure, savor its swash and buckle. Moreover, the dictionary shows its precise application by definition: "Gauntlet - 1. A medieval glove, usually of leather covered with metal plates, worn to protect the hand from injury in combat. 2. A long glove with a flaring cuff covering the lower part of the arm."

Here, we have the thought of the darkness of a glove, the hand-in-glove concept as well as the deft, quiet approach of gloved hands as opposed to raw knuckles. The protection of hand and arm implied is also significant as is the ringing phrase - "Take up the Gauntlet," which Webster says means: 1. Accept a challenge; 2. Undertake the defense of a person.

With the sure knowledge that "GAUNTLET" would serve your purpose, I rest my case and, forgive me for this, throw down the gauntlet.

Again, my thanks to Colonel White and all the others who contributed so much to a great experience. You must be very proud of these men. They seemed to me intelligent, zealous and, in the best sense, serious without being joyless. You and they have my thanks and admiration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gunderson
Commissioner

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